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To Virginia,—to her gallant sons, and gentle daughters, at home and afar,—and to all who love and honor the dear old state, this little poem is affectionately inscribed,

By
An Absent Virginian.

Captain John Smith

"The strong arm of the Colony."

Virginia

By An Absent Virginian

Nowhere the sun shines quite so bright,
Nor sheds the moon such silv'ry light,
Giving joy by day and peace by night,
As in Virginia.

Pocahontas

"The Nonparrilla of Virginia"

Nowhere beneath a sky so fair,
Bloom flowers quite so sweet and rare,
As those that bud and blossom there
In Old Virginia.

Ruins of Jamestown Church

in which Pocahontas and John Rolfe were married
April, 1614.

Nowhere, it seems, the songbird's lay,
Nor children's laughter while at play,
Is quite so blithesome, free and gay
As in Virginia.

Old House of Burgesses

Williamsburg, Virginia

Nowhere do men the magic know
Of woman's voice, soft, sweet and low
As those who hear its gentle flow,
In Old Virginia.

Marriage in Colonial Times

Old Bruton Parish Church, Williamsburg, Virginia

Nowhere do men's hearts beat so high,—
As in the days of chivalry,—
To woman's smile and woman's sigh,
As in Virginia.

Patrick Henry, of Virginia

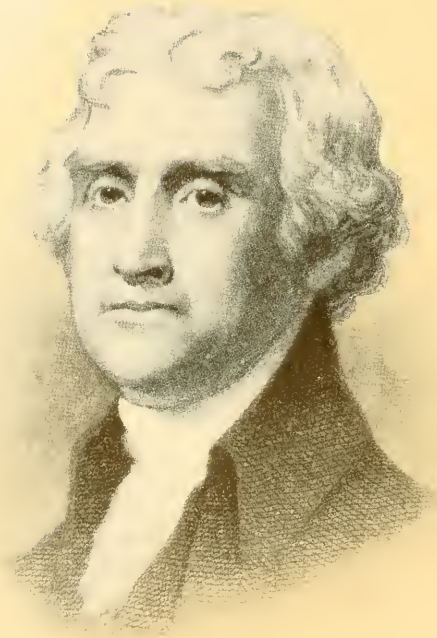
"The Voice of the Revolution"

In foreign lands God hath been kind,
And given me much content to find,
Yet this fond heart hath oft repined
For Old Virginia.

Old St. John's, Richmond, Virginia

Where Patrick Henry sounded the keynote of Revolution
"Give me liberty or give me death"

And though my life may not be spent
In that fair land of sweet content,
E'en death hath balm, for heart so rent,
In Old Virginia.



Thomas Jefferson, of Virginia

"The Pen of the Revolution"

My friends will see that when this coil
Of mortal clay, has ceased its toil,
It rests there in the sacred soil
Of Old Virginia.

Monticello, the Home of Jefferson

Near Charlottesville, Virginia

They'll bear me home and lay me there,
Where bloom those flowers, sweet and rare,
Under that sky, so blue and fair,
In Old Virginia.

George Washington, of Virginia

"The Sword of the Revolution"

And if 'tis true that in the skies,
The soul may choose its paradise,
From out thy sphere mine ne'er will rise
My own Virginia!

Mount Vernon

The Home of Washington

For I believe the abode of Heaven,
Which unto righteous man is given,
Can be to him no fairer haven
Than Old Virginia.

General Robert Edward Lee

of Virginia

"A soldier without cruelty,
A man without guile,
A Caesar without his ambition,
A Washington without his reward."

Benj. H. Hill

Or if man on his upward way,
Lives many lives, as Buddhists say,
Give me one more, O Lord! I pray,
In Old Virginia.

General Fitzhugh Lee

First President of the Jamestown Exposition

Hear me, O Lord! for I would fain
To brave anew earth's grief and pain,
If but to live a life again
In Old Virginia.

Hon. Harry St. George Tucker

President of the Jamestown Exposition

Then, grant, O God! if won my strife,
'Gainst error and temptation rife,
That thou awaken my new life
Down in Old Virginia.

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